

## **CSA Weekly Update**

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#### **Honoring Ed Pastor**

This week Arizona lost a leader and an icon, Congressman Ed Pastor.



Born in Claypool, Arizona, Congressman Pastor served the citizens of this state in countless ways. Before his time in Congress, this native Arizonan worked as a high school chemistry teacher and as an aide to Governor Raul Castro. Congressman Pastor then served three terms as a Maricopa County Supervisor in District 5, from 1977 to 1991, including a year as CSA President in 1985.

When reflecting on his service to Arizona, District 5 Maricopa County Supervisor Steve Gallardo shared, "It is a sad day for Arizona as we mourn the passing of Congressman Ed Pastor. Ed was an example and mentor to many of us looking for a pathway into local politics, especially those of us in the Latino community. When I wanted to run for the state legislature, he provided me a corner of his campaign office on Central Avenue in Phoenix. He led by example and helped me understand

how to be an effective representative of my community. I will always appreciate the guidance and wisdom he shared over the years. Ed will be missed."

Congressman Pastor served 23 years in Congress and was the first Latino elected to represent Arizona. During his time in Congress he worked on issues vital to the citizens of this state, including protecting civil rights and women's rights, fighting gun violence, supporting the separation of church and state, and peace around the world. Congressman Pastor's time on the House Appropriations Committee secured funding for projects in Arizona including Valley light rail and improvements to Sky Harbor Airport.

In honor of Congressman Pastor, Governor Ducey ordered that all state flags be lowered to half-staff.

CSA extends our condolences to his family and friends.

Sources: Wikipedia, Wikimedia Commons, Arizona Governor, Arizona Memory Project

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### **Mohave County Swears In New Supervisor Ron Gould**

This past week, the Mohave County Board of Supervisors swore in newly elected Supervisor Ron Gould, representing District 5.

Supervisor Gould has a long history of public service, including time on the Lake Havasu City Council, and four terms in the Arizona State Senate. Supervisor Gould is also a small business owner, operating an air conditioning contracting business for the past 34 years. An Arizona resident since 1995, Supervisor Gould and his wife Janice have three children; Ron Jr., Robbie and Rachael, as well as four grandchildren; Oliver, Vincent, Juliet and Pemberley.



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District 5

CSA extends our congratulations and welcome to Supervisor Gould.



#### **Senate & House Announce Committee Membership**

This week both the Senate and House leadership announced committee assignments and committee schedules for the 54<sup>th</sup> Arizona State Legislature.

Please click on the image to the right for a list of committees in both chambers.

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#### **JLBC Monthly Fiscal Highlights**

Last week, the Joint Legislative Budget Committee (JLBC) released the state's revenues and expenditures for the month of October. General fund collections were 9.2 percent higher in October 2018 than in October 2017 at \$809 million. This was the first month since March 2018 that revenues did not meet the forecast, missing the mark by \$(15.8) million, or (1.8) percent. JLBC believes that this was due to slower growth in individual income tax revenues than in prior months. Sales tax revenues remained above forecast, with contracting and retail sectors continuing to drive revenue growth. Overall, general fund revenue for the year remains above the forecasted amount by approximately \$162.7 million, or 4.8 percent.

General fund spending year-to-date is \$4.75 billion, and the budget stabilization fund currently has a balance of \$436.6 million. October revenues deposited into the Highway User Revenue Fund (HURF) were 5.8 percent above the budgeted forecast, and 10 percent above October of last year. Fiscal year-to-date HURF revenues are \$9.2 million above forecast, or 1.9 percent.

For more information on the report, please <u>click here</u>.

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#### **NACo High Performance Leadership Academy Open Enrollment**

The National Associations of Counties (NACo) in association with the Professional Development Academy created a 12-week mentorship-based leadership program to empower frontline county government professionals. Participants spend 3-5 hours a week engaged in an online, interactive learning platform to engage in live events, video sessions and breakout group discussions.



The curriculum developed by the Professional Development Academy in a partnership with Fortune 1000 executives, public sector leaders, world-renowned academics and thought leaders, including General Colin Powell and Dr. Marshall Goldsmith, focuses on five essential skills:

- LEAD: Engage teams and stakeholders to foster positive climates and exceed common expectations
- ORGANIZE: Plan, lead and execute organizational change more effectively and consistently
- · COLLABORATE: Establish alignment and strong partnerships through building stronger relationships
- COMMUNICATE: Create clarity, confidence and community
- DELIVER: Measure projects and processes to deliver results aligned with county and community priorities

NACo secured a discounted rate of \$1,495 per enrollee for members; additionally NACo will provide a \$1,000 one-time stipend for the first participant in each county to subsidize the discounted rate. The next course will start on January 7, 2019 with subsequent classes planned for April and August of 2019.

To learn more about the program or to sign-up, please click here.

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#### NACo Webinar: Addressing Inequities in Health - Key Concepts

The National Association of Counties (NACo) is hosting a webinar on December 6, 2018 from 12:00 – 1:15 p.m. (MST) titled Addressing Inequities in Health: Key Concepts for Counties. The webinar will discuss the impact counties have on the lives of their residents through the many agencies that serve their communities and the potential to influence the health and well-being of residents by utilizing approaches that address the social determinants of health that influence how people grow, live, learn and work. Experts from County Health Rankings & Roadmaps and the Government Alliance on Race & Equity will share strategies for counties working to create positive shifts in community health.

For more information and to register for the webinar, please click here.

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